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SUBJ: VISIT OF MARAD DELEGATION TO POLAND (MAY 9-14, 1978)

BEGIN SUMMARY. ON MAY 9 A DELEGATION FROM THE U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION (MARAD) VISITED POLAND TO DETERMINE AREAS FOR POSSIBLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND MARITIME ECONOMY (MFT), AT THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, AND AT SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING ORGANIZATIONS IN GDANSK/GDYNIA. THE POLES PROPOSED SEVERAL AREAS OF INTEREST FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ALSO POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES IN SHIPPING AND FISHING. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MAY 10, THE MARAD DELEGATION, LED BY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR SAMUEL NEMIROW, MET WITH VICE MINISTER ZYLKOWSKI OF THE MFT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH OCEAN LINES AND POLISH STEAMSHIP LINES. THE POLES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER US SHIPPING POLICY, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT POLISH SHIPS PROVIDE FOUR WORKING DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE CALLING IN US PORTS. THE US DELEGATION PROMISED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

2. ZYLKOWSKI PROPOSED A "MULTIPLE ENTRY" METHOD OF PROCESSING POLISH SHIPS INTO US PORTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT, AFTER A POLISH
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SHIP'S CREW HAD BEEN GRANTED ADMITTANCE TO ONE US PORT, THE SHIP WOULD NOT CHANGE ITS CREW FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. IN THIS WAY, THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE APPLICATION FOR ACCESS TO A PORT COULD BE REDUCED. THE US DELEGATION PROMISED TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS PROPOSAL.

3. ON MAY 11, THE DELEGATION MET WITH VICE MINISTER BARTOSEWICZ

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OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY. BARTOSIEWICZ BRIEFED THE DELEGATION ON THE SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP OF THE MINISTRY TO THE POLISH SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY. THE POLES DID NOT PROPOSE ANY CONCRETE AREAS FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION.

4. ON MAY 12, THE DELEGATION (MINUS NEMIROW AND BOURDON) WENT TO GDANSK/GDYNIA TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF POLISH OCEAN LINES, POLISH STEMSHIP LINES, THE SHIP DESIGN AND RESEARCH CENTER, AND CENTROMOR.

5. DR. DEHMEL OF POLISH OCEAN LINES TOLD THE DELEGATION HIS COMPANY WAS "CONFERENCE ORIENTED". HE SAID POLAND BELONGS TO 13 CONFERENCES AND HAS ENTERED INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THREE OTHERS. POLAND HAS NOT ENTERED THE NORTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE, HE EXPLAINED, BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE CAPACITY TO COMPETE WITH CONF-ERENCE MEMBERS. DEHMEL SAID HIS COMPANY DID NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE US PORT CALL RULES.

6. KAMINSKI OF POLISH STEAMSHIP LINES COMPLAINED ABOUT THE PORT CALL REGULATIONS AND ALLEGED THAT THEY HAMPER HIS COMPANY'S ABILITY TO OFFER "WORLD-WIDE" SERVICE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CHARTER BUSINESS. HE AGREED WITH A MARAD DELEGATION MEMBER'S SUGGESTION THAT BOTH THE US AND POLAND MIGHT BENEFIT FROM A JOINT RESEARCH IN COAL SLURRY TRANSPORTATION. HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, AS A CUSTOMER OF THE POLISH SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY, SUGGEST ANY AREAS OF EXPER-TISE WHICH POLAND COULD PROVIDE TO THE US SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING
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INDUSTRY.

7. ON MAY 18, THE DELEGATION MET WITH STEPHEN PUP AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SHIP DESIGN AND RESEARCH CENTER. AS A RESULT OF THIS MEETING, THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ARE TENTATIVELY PROPOSED: ICE TRANSITING EQUIPMENT; VIBRATION TECHNOLOGY; USE OF COAL ABOARD SHIPS; HEALTH AND HABILITATION PROBLEMS FOR SEAMEN.

8. THE DELEGATION THEN VISITED THE PARIS COMMUNIE SHIPYARD IN GDYNIA. THE POLISH HOSTS BRIEFED THE DELEGATION AND PROVIDED A TOUR OF THE SHIPYARD FACILITIES.

9. ON MAY 12, IN WARSAW, NEMIROW AND BOURDON MET ONCE AGAIN WITH VICE MINISTER ZYLKOWSKI OF THE MFT. ZYLKOWSKI PROPOSED A SHIPPING VENTURE WITH THE US WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS OPERATION OF JOINT LINER SERVICES AND A JOINT FISHING VENTURE. NEMIROW EX-PRESSED HIS RESERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE FISHING VENTURE BUT SAID HE WOULD INVESTIGATE BOTH PROPOSALS. ZYLKOWSKI SAID THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ITS EXPERTS VISIT THE US IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR.
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